

FOR THE FOUR HOUR DAY AND THE FOUR DAY WEEK

No Truce in Class War Even When Bosses Change Attitude Toward Unions

Job Experience Teaches Workers
They Must Always Be Prepared to
Act to Hold or Improve Conditions

As stated in a recent Worker Article it is not enough for workers to be rebellious against their masters. In order for them to achieve anything for themselves and for their class they must be fortified with a political revolutionary philosophy, with understanding of ultimate aims and with organization competent to achieve them. Merely having a revolutionary philosophy without understanding how to use it is not enough; without rebels the labor movement is a dead thing. In fact, without these there cannot be a genuine labor movement.

Must Act On Conviction.
Some of the rebels of yesterday are just plain revolutionists today. Tomorrow they may become rebels again. Living in this system where one worker is pitted against another or where groups are opposed to groups in the struggle for existence, it happens often enough that the revolutionists find themselves in a position from which, with at least temporary security, they can look back at other workers less successful than they in making themselves useful to a boss.

The job means wages, the wages mean dollars with which to secure food, clothing and shelter. As revolutionists their philosophy has not changed, they still know that the working class and the employing class have nothing in common, that between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers organize as a class to take possession of the earth and abolish the wage system. Their thinking is clear: "we must make no mistakes; we are not to be deceived by the bosses, the unorganized, we must still place consciousness in the workers."

The true revolutionists will not get on the concessions, doing all they can to organize their fellow workers on the point of production. In doing this they automatically come into contact with the exploiting class.

Active, Not Philosophical, Counts.
One of three things then happens: either they compromise with the bosses or they find themselves out of a job or they have a strike on their hands. The revolutionists are opposed to compromise, but they are also opposed to losing their jobs. So there they are at the cross roads. It's a question of life or not to life, to rebel against conditions with strike action or to compromise.

Of course the revolutionists choose to strike. In analyzing the revolutionary progress depends, in the final analysis, on action on the industrial front. Some of the older men today look back over years of work with a sigh and say they wish they had taken a strike for a little pay when strike followed strike to gain concessions from the bosses. There was no thought of compromise. Revolutionists, the younger men, are not like that. They are not like the old men, and the rebels acted on the revolutionary principle of no compromise and continuous struggle, even though they had little or no understanding of revolutionary philosophy.

Capitalism was strong and brutal. It seldom asked workers to compromise on differences. The concessions gained were the result of the workers proving themselves too weaklings. A victory gained remained always a front line position in a war that knew no truce, and was never regarded as having attained a status to be accepted as permanent.

The revolutionists were aware that they had desired, they might have stepped into positions of "labor leaders"—positions of ease and security for themselves—but as long as they remained true to their principles they had to decline that way out of the struggle.

Experience Teaches.
There are now revolutionists in the field now among the old ones. Many of the newcomers have had no chance to work in industry. They have had no opportunity to be rebels against the employing class. Their experience in the class struggle has been gained by hearing and reading about it. Some of them have volunteered in picket lines, but they have taken part in workers' meetings. But they have missed the thrill and the understanding which comes from working at the machinery of industry, of striving to down when it goes too fast, of going to the boss and making demands of getting fired, and of trying again and again at other jobs, with the hope of looking for another job in between.

That is all they lack, these young revolutionists, an opportunity to become rebels in action against the system of exploitation. Without this practical lesson in fighting on the job they are apt to see the whole struggle from the wrong perspective. They caution you to compromise with the boss. They point to the fact that the bosses are ready to compromise, and willing to have you organize, to discuss grievances, and occasionally to give you a signed contract which is supposed to establish conditions agreed upon for a definite length of time.

No Truce in the Struggle

TOBACCO WORKERS PAID \$12 TO \$15 PER WEEK

HARTFORD, Conn. — Average wages for 2,300 men and women in the tobacco industry of this state range from \$12 to \$15 a week. Most of the tobacco warehouses lie along the Connecticut river, in and surrounding Hartford.

Approximately one-fifth of the workers are employed by the American Smutina Co., against which a labor board case is pending. This section of the industry is mostly unorganized.

Union Holds One Election In 18 Years

Chicago Milk Wagon Drivers Get New Set of Officials

CHICAGO (WNS)—Here is another one for the record: Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local 753 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablesmen & Helpers of the AFL voted December 28 to unseat two officials who had held office since the early 1900s. It was the first election held by the local in 18 years.

The two officers, who had been voted lifetime jobs in 1921, were Robert G. Fitch, 74, president since 1906, and Steve Sumner, 60-year-old secretary-treasurer, who became a business agent back in 1902.

Fitch ran third in the race for the presidency, polled 534 votes against 2,023 for Henry Weber, who was elected. Sumner lost to Thomas J. Haggerty, 1,784, to 1,361. A total of 4,093 votes were cast and a majority of 4,700.

James Kennedy was reelected vice president and the two business agents, Ray Bryant and Al Richard, also were reelected.

The election, which was ordered by the international union, was supervised by Leslie G. Goudie, president of the Chicago Teamsters Joint Council.

A canvass of milk wagon drivers disclosed that while their wages were supposed to be \$45 a week, they were lucky if they could realize \$25 after taking care of various pay-offs to keep the officialdom in a happy frame of mind.

Boasting Business
Our labor leaders are at present working hard devising ways and means to advertise the quality of "our" eggs and pigs. They say they are the pick of the west and the best in the land. They want us to buy eggs by the crate and whole hams. By doing this, they say, we will raise the price and thus avert a runaway strike along with a joint walkout in the pigsty.

It is advisable for all lovers of ham and eggs to be on the alert. You never can tell what they really will do next to gain their ends, these labor leaders in this neck of the woods. —L. G.

Montgomery-Ward Manager Arrested

NEW LONDON, Conn. (FP)—Harry Stephens, manager of the local Montgomery-Ward store, was arrested Jan. 9, charged with violating the state labor law by working more than 40 employees, mostly women, over 8 hours a day and later than 10 p. m.

This is Not a War for Freedom! SHE SEEKS FOOD



A mother who carried her child through miles of Cleveland streets, walking from one relief agency to another in search of food. The Ohio relief crisis has not yet been checked.

Passing from Experiments To Incantations

By COVINGTON HALL

When platitudes and politicians begin to preach "religion" and priests, preachers and rabbis take to politics, unless all history is what Henry Ford called it, "bunk," then you can know that the bid for it is in its last stages of decomposition and on its way to an early and rapid plunge into what Volney so well calls "The Ruins of Empire."

All this cheerful feeling came to me on reading Roger Babson's promise for 1940 to our "hard-headed businessmen."

Dream of Riches
It was all a cheerio of fat profits to come to the sheet if only they had the guts to reach out and grab the imaginary gods of interest, dividends and bonuses Roger saw immediately ahead for the privileged ones of this chosen people. It is all there, "90 to 100 per cent profit" for them if the war doesn't end too soon or last too long and further, provided a halter can be put on the war of democracy while the privileged are getting their feet from the "pods-on."

That is Roger's New Year message to our petted big businessmen. But there is a sting to it all, as was expected. This glowing prophecy can come true "only when the desires of our men and all other people are satisfied." In other words, it is what Jesus taught 2,000 years ago.

That sounds to me like telling the lost souls in Hades that they can hang onto hell and yet be prosperous and happy "only if they practice what Jesus taught." For, if Babson can ever tell the unvarnished truth, he told it a few weeks ago when he pointedly advised a woman's peace organization that "you ought to have both peace and capitalism." And you cannot, for, as Carter further pointed out, there has been war on earth ever since capitalism got going and that it will continue until civilization of man by man is no more. That advice coming from Babson Carter assuredly surprised me, but that from Babson I expected.

But not only is Babson doing out his "Brahmanism" to the business men and boys of this nation, but is B. C. Forbes and all the rest of the high priests of capitalism, whether they speak from the parliament, the pulpit, or the press. One and all, including the President of the United States, as well as dictators Hitler and Mussolini, they are going in stoic for "religion," for, if Babson is to listen to them and the prelates, it is the only hope of us "poor mortals" when their policies have reduced to beggary in every land the good abundance, and have left white war-patiffles, to boot.

Missed Good Chance
Just which "religion" the prelates and presidents, plutocrats, priests, preachers and politicians are out to "make the world safe for," they are able to say in defiance. Still, it must be the "true religion," for how else explain this "personal unanswerable" to the Vatican and the invitation to the Supreme Pontiffs of the Jewish Lubliner and Protestant Council of Churches in Christ (?) to visit the White House and give the Great Seperimeter their views about bringing about "peace on Earth and goodwill to all Mankind?"

After 2,000 years of failure to "practice what Jesus taught," it seems to me that our president has himself gone a little loco. If he has, looking at the present state of the "New Deal," I, for one, do not

blame him. No man has done more to save the unworkable than he has. Yet what chance does he get for 41? None. One and all, the big boys are out to get his goat and, from his present actions, it begins to look as if they were succeeding.

Well, if they do, it serves him right. He wouldn't listen to me, or any of the rest who give him this good advice when he first entered the White House. "FDR," we said, "They are down and out. Don't let them UP! Put 'em out of business while you have the chance." It is NINETY PER CENT of the People behind you! If you ever save them, YOU are FINISHED!"

They Try Patching
But he wouldn't listen. Instead, he said: "No, that will be too brutal; I am a great believer and cannot bring myself to follow the same heathen tactics of Nikolai Lenin. There is nothing wrong with the federal system. All it needs is a little patching here and there; then some new construction, and we still, as EVERYBODY will be prosperous and happy again and, this time, forever and forever. Let us experiment instead of revolutionizing! And he did—on US terms.

But experiment after experiment came and went and still the "fed," ill-dressed and ill-housed "grew and grew in numbers, and we still, as the great Baltimore florist Henry L. Mencken points, cumbering up the country with their worthless cargo."

It was and is terrible beyond belief. So all the experiments failing, what next must we do in order that we might be saved and yet keep the eternal system that was the cause of all this hell on earth?

That was now the question, and it seemed insoluble. But so it seemed only to the "ignorant masses," not to the "Brains to whom God has made infinite wisdom" (!) has confined the business interest of this country to the hands of a few.

Others Tried It
As usual they had the "remedy." It was this: All experiments having failed, "Europe for incantations!" So now they are busy incanting there yesterday they were serious, experimenting. Everywhere the rich doctors of capitalism are desperately seeking to exorcise the devil out of "the system" and save the corpse by the use of what they call "incantations."

So tried the Fudal Lords of Europe, the Slave Lords of Dixie, the Princes of Russia and the Plunderers of Mexico, but all in vain. And this because of a thing they have made our race glorious and democracy finally victorious over all the exploiting classes. It is, to paraphrase Byron, that "HEAVY determined to be free will find their way through paths where wolves would need have to prey."

They, the plutenary of the world, are fane to face with the fate that they will find their way through paths where wolves would need have to prey.

They, the plutenary of the world, are fane to face with the fate that they will find their way through paths where wolves would need have to prey.

They, the plutenary of the world, are fane to face with the fate that they will find their way through paths where wolves would need have to prey.

Wall Street Worried Last War Profits Fail to Flow Into American Coffers

British and French Capitalists
Try Hard to Capture Markets Lost
By Germany as Result of Blockade

Every move toward peace has a depressing effect on the stock and commodity markets. On the other hand every move toward broadening the scope of hostilities has a stimulating effect, for it opens the prospect for a much larger destruction of materials. This prospect in turn boosts prices.

Only the economic minister in London and Paris could make even a rough estimate of probable Allied purchases in this country assuming war is broadened and intensified. Reserve stocks on hand contain in civilian requirements, diversion of peace industries to war purposes and other factors enter into the calculation.

Furthermore, it is clear that both Britain and France will do everything possible to confine purchases to their own empires. And woe to the peace movement if the business of war profits fails to flow into American coffers.

Is Gold for War Needs?
In spite of this, if the war area widens and the peace-seeking fighting falls, Wall Street looks forward to a real harvest. In its bulletin, National City Bank recently gave an estimate of the Allied means of payment available at the beginning of the war. Including gold at home and abroad, bank balances in the United States, American negotiable securities and other investments of the United States in the United States, it came to a grand total of \$8,380 million.

These figures do not include the large assets of Canada in the United States. And in addition to the above total of over \$8 billion, the British and French empires will have on hand a grand total of about \$750 million.

There are still other assets available for payment for imports. As the National City Bank bulletin points out, in addition to the gold and dollar assets of Great Britain and France, they have extensive investments in the Dominions and colonies. They include many Canadian securities, Rhodesian copper shares, Rand mining shares, and large British investments in neutral countries.

—Economic Notes.

Of Men and the World An Open Letter to Gurley Flynn

By ART HOPKINS

Don't know why, lately I've been picking on old Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, once called "child wonder," but I cannot help but pick on her. She is an "old age wonder." And it is a wonder that one individual can change so completely. It is almost amazing as Mussolini's rise to fascism.

What gets me now, is that Gurley has the gunption, the audacity in a column appearing in the Sunday Worker of December 24, 1939, to quote part of the IWW Preamble and say "The words of the old IWW Preamble come to my mind, more familiar to me than a Christmas carol: 'There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among the millions who make up the working class and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.' These words might be very familiar to Gurley Flynn, but she wouldn't believe it or she is so hypnotized with communism that she thinks she believes it."

IWW Versus C. P.
Surely you cannot expect that the Communist party has anything in common with the IWW. And the fact the Communist party quotes "There can be no peace..." as a reminder of the time your comrades were speaking of United Front, there was peace between these classes for the party. And you were part of that party.

"There can be no peace..." yet the Soviet Union has made peace with a ruthless, barbaric ruling class in Germany.

"There can be no peace..." yet the party has done its utmost to break up the IWW, and the party supports the CIO and AFL as against the IWW and the former two believe that there can be peace between the working class and the employing class. And you are a member of that party.

Gurley, you write in your column: "...my sympathy goes out to the poor people, struggling desperately in a rich, fertile, productive country like the USA... to provide food, warmth, cheer and joy for their little ones on at least one day of the year... Better than even the Soviet Union for the sake of the good fight to give America back to the Americans. What a grand Christmas thought! full that would be for the children."

Do you really believe that Gurley? I doubt it! Your actions don't prove in the Communist party. Perhaps it

is because you have changed, or did you have dreams that you are a communist here in the United States? For Soviet Russia, better than even the Soviet Union for the sake of the good fight to give America back to the Americans. What a grand Christmas thought! full that would be for the children."

Do you really believe that Gurley? I doubt it! Your actions don't prove in the Communist party. Perhaps it

is because you have changed, or did you have dreams that you are a communist here in the United States? For Soviet Russia, better than even the Soviet Union for the sake of the good fight to give America back to the Americans. What a grand Christmas thought! full that would be for the children."

Do you really believe that Gurley? I doubt it! Your actions don't prove in the Communist party. Perhaps it

is because you have changed, or did you have dreams that you are a communist here in the United States? For Soviet Russia, better than even the Soviet Union for the sake of the good fight to give America back to the Americans. What a grand Christmas thought! full that would be for the children."

So-Called Revolutionary Mexico Government Helps Fix Wages at Peon Level

Union 'Places Responsibility' on Bosses But It's Workers Who Have to Suffer Privation; Large Scale Strikes Likely

MEXICO CITY, (MLN)—The legally fixed minimum wage for unskilled labor within the 1940-41 will be kept at the present industrial workers' and 1.65 pesos. This decision was reached on December 14 by the Federal District Board of Conciliation and Arbitration after discussions between labor, employers, and government representatives lasting nearly two months.

The delegates of the FROC (Regional Federation of Workers, and Peasants) had argued for an industrial minimum of 4.65 pesos, a figure based on the daily average living costs and the rise in the prices of all necessities recently made by the Minimum Wage Commission of the FROC (Confederation of Mexican Workers) with which the FROC is affiliated.

Set Wages, Rising Prices

In accepting the decision of the Board, the FROC has announced that it "leaves the responsibility for the decision with the employers and the official authorities," on the understanding that there will be effective government action to reduce the cost of living and to curb speculation in foodstuffs and other commodities in order to insure the cheapening power of the present wage.

During the discussion, the employer representatives admitted that the present minimum wage is no longer adequate to fill the needs for which it was fixed, but they also maintained that industry is not at present in a position to withstand a further increase. They likewise appealed to the authorities for measures to reduce the cost of living.

Government Voted With Bosses

The decision was cast by the President of the Board, who is the government representative. In his opinion, stated at the final session, he declared that a verbal offer fully justified in seeking an increased wage because of the immediate

Anti-Stalin Books Verboten By Nazis

Early in December the Nazi dictatorship ordered all books critical of Russia withdrawn from circulation. Among the books coming under the new ban are: *Jews Behind Stalin*, *The Unmasking of Moscow*, *The Life of the Russian Workers' Dictator* by Moscow. "It is no longer considered decent to spread such literature about the new frontiers in Russia," IWWA comments.

COMPLAINING IS VERBOTEN IN NAZILAND

The German government is checking up on its citizens' wartime morale and has inaugurated a drive to keep grumbling over food rationing and other economic measures at a minimum. It was learned today.

Nazi party district and ward leaders in a number of the principal German cities, it was learned, have been instructed to make careful reports to party headquarters on the morale of the general public.

It was recalled that Adolf Hitler, at the start of the war had made Nazi party leaders responsible for maintenance of morale in districts under their supervision. The Fuehrer, at the time declared that he did not wish to be informed that the people's morale was poor in any part of the Reich.

Food store proprietors who are Nazi party members have been told to watch carefully the reactions of housewives when they are told that certain commodities are scarce or unavailable. Most district leaders also were understood to have been instructed within the last few days to permit no political discussions in their shops and to note the position of the people, particularly given to complaining.

Rockefeller Empire Still Flourishes

Family Takes Vast Fortune Yearly from World's Oil Wells

Although their public agents have for many years been trying to give the impression that the Rockefeller family had sold their interest in the Standard Oil companies, recent facts revealed by the Temporary National Economic Committee tell another story. They show the Rockefeller family still very much interested in the Standard Oil companies, recent facts revealed by the Temporary National Economic Committee tell another story. They show the Rockefeller family still very much interested in the Standard Oil companies, recent facts revealed by the Temporary National Economic Committee tell another story.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is revealed as the second largest stockholder in Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), while he is the largest stockholder in Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), and in Ohio Oil Co. His stockholdings in these three companies alone, as of December 31, 1939, are valued at more than \$117 million.

John D. J. is listed as a holder of 1,715,722 shares of the capital stock of Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), and the Chase National Bank, a Rockefeller-controlled institution, holds in trust for various Rockefeller relatives 600,000 additional shares of the same stock.

This means that the Rockefeller family alone received checks for about \$8,683,987 when this company, Standard Oil (N. J.), paid cash dividends of \$2.50 per share in 1938 and \$1.25 in 1939. This does not cover the more than 1,100,000 shares of the company held by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research—Economic Notes.

SAN FRANCISCO—Since the Bridges deportation case is closed, the public will no doubt be a little less interested in the leadership of the west coast ILWU. All signs indicate that Bridges will step to the sidelines until he becomes a good citizen and that the present secretary-treasurer, Matt Meehan, will take over. The shipowners' empty argument against the alien will be out and something else will be used against the rank and file. But Bridges has served the bosses well. His contribution was to nurture a disease which throws work against worker.—West Center.

A MEAL A YEAR

One of the many thousands of homeless men who get one square meal a year in this land of abundance—a Christmas dinner provided by charity.



One of the many thousands of homeless men who get one square meal a year in this land of abundance—a Christmas dinner provided by charity.

OPEN LETTER TO SUP MEMBERS

(Continued from page 1)
capitalism (including Wm. Ziegler, Foster, who sold Liberty Bonds) told the workers they were making the world "Safe for Democracy," so most of the American workers supported the war.

There were all lies. All the working class was doing was dying for land they did not own. The ILWU resisted the last war, and the workers who are now in the army were accused of being German agents which you know we were not, and this time we may be accused of being Russian agents and Communist sympathizers and this also you know we are not. We recognize Stalin and J. P. Morgan as brothers under the skin and both as parasites and exploiters of labor.

BUSINESSMEN TALK RECOVERY

(Continued from page 1)
If hard times were growing less frequent and less severe, the advocates of profit accumulation might be able to make a case for themselves. But since hard times not only increase in intensity but threaten to become chronic, the apologists for profit economy have not a leg to stand on. It is not necessary to point to the economic devastation left in the wake of the world war to convince the business community of the need for recovery. The evidence from the economic field is more than sufficient to prove that private business for profit is responsible for the chaos that surrounds us and threatens to engulf us. Businessmen have been running the world for generations on the motto:

FRISCO FARCE EXPOSES LEADERS

(Continued from page 1)
The phony AFL were true and a matter of general knowledge, this last time out they never went so far or so low as to scab on itself by going 500 miles to handle hot cargo. It is very significant that before the strike was called the checkers had no secret ballot on the question. In spite of the employers' attacks against the union, the checkers would have voted against a strike had they been given an opportunity. However, all is O. K. and democracy rules after Bridges' death. We have put every reasonable course before the employers to open these policies are so rotten they made by the checkers—which means by Bridges and the ILWU.

Thousands of former followers of Bridges and his policies now agree that the ILWU is a fraud. The strike in the Frisco tieup over 4,000 were directly affected. The outcome has shown the employers that the ILWU is a fraud. The strike in the Frisco tieup over 4,000 were directly affected. The outcome has shown the employers that the ILWU is a fraud.

When it comes to being phony, the ILWU is a fraud. The strike in the Frisco tieup over 4,000 were directly affected. The outcome has shown the employers that the ILWU is a fraud. The strike in the Frisco tieup over 4,000 were directly affected. The outcome has shown the employers that the ILWU is a fraud.

IWW Is Road to Freedom, Defense Against Dictators

Many Oppose Fascism with Words While They Hasten Its Growth by Playing the Game of Capitalism

The new year began as the old year ended with all the newspapers in the country from the most reactionary to the most radical condemning the dictatorships, excepting, of course, the outright communist and Nazi sheets.

It is interesting to notice that the workers, the middle class, and the big bosses are all agreed that the social, fascist, and communist are all no good; and to speculate on what extent they are sincere in their protestations.

Workers' Case Is Clear

The reason why the working class has no fear for dictatorships should not be hard to explain by any class conscious worker. It is only necessary to observe what the black and red fascists have done to whatever measure of freedom workers had under the system which the fascists replaced.

In Italy and Germany the workers' unions smashed and they lost their rights of free speech and press, and the right to strike. They had their pay cut, they were beaten with steel clubs, and put in concentration camps for the least show of resistance. They were regimented into labor fronts with no voice in the least who were to consult them on any decision that was made, but who mothered all protest with naked force. Under the Russian the head who had had little freedom. Now they have less freedom under the red fascist who welds the club and goes under the name of communism.

The Capitalist Oppression

However, when it comes to the employing class crying to high heaven against the dictators, there is some talk explaining to do. The IWW probably say, "The working class has no right to have anything in common with the employing class. They have a great deal in common."

It is possible that employers who organized vigilante squads to shoot down workers for going on strike, frame them, and send them to prison for being active in organizing unions to gain a little more economic power, are directly responsible for a fascist dictatorship? That is something not so easy to understand.

It may be that some capitalists under the extralegal methods of a semifascism, which they can turn on or off as occasion demands, to the real and permanent article. Another reason why some of the exploiters object to fascism is that the fascist does away with a lot of grafting large and small that slows up the efficiency of the exploiting class in their robbery of the exploited. A type of grafting practice by one set of capitalists on others of their class. These profits that they want to keep the order in which it comes.

There is no doubt that when it comes to the interests of the master class as a whole, fascism is more efficient than democracy when it comes to the type of grafting practice by one set of capitalists on others of their class. These profits that they want to keep the order in which it comes.

There are two other countries have spent large sums for armaments in the last five years and had little to show for it. The two other countries have spent large sums for armaments in the last five years and had little to show for it.

Income Spread Far From Fair Under New Deal

How far the New Deal still has to go to achieve one of its basic goals—a fair distribution of incomes—is shown by the report of the National Resources Committee on the general income in the United States.

The report deals with incomes of 1935-36. But, though the general income has risen, very little has happened since then to change the picture materially as to its distribution. The total income for that year, the Committee estimates, was \$48 billion. Its division among the people is as follows: The top 1 per cent of the population received less than \$1,000 a year or below \$30 weekly. To understand how top-heavy the income structure is, these low incomes must be compared with the incomes of the top 1 per cent. The American people must immediately be contrasted with the comparatively few families on the top.